(4) Rs. 75 under "9—Stamps—T.A."

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for a sum of Rs. 75 "under Stamps—T.A." I request that the House may be pleased to grant it.

Demand put and carried

(5) Rs. 200 under "9—Stamps—Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 200 under "Stamps—Miscellaneous" I request that the House may be pleased to grant the sum.

Demand put and carried

(6) Rs. 2,700 under "14-(4)—Legislative Council—T.A."

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 2,700 under "14-(4)—Legislative Council—T.A."

Demand put and carried

(7) Rs. 200 under "16 Law and Justice—B—Civil Justice—(1) High Court—Office expenses"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 200 under "16—Law and Justice—B—Civil Justice (1) High Court—Office expenses"

Demand put and carried

(8) Rs. 258 under "16—Law and Justice—B—Civil Justice—Printing charges"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir I move for Rs. 258 under "16—Law and Justice—B—Civil Justice—Printing charges"

Demand put and carried

(9) Rs. 1,505 under "17-(1)—Central Jail—Superintendent's pay"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 1,505 under "17-(1)—Central Jail—Superintendent's pay"

Demand put and carried

(10) Rs. 1,000 under "17-(1)—Central Jail—Bedding and Clothing"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 1,000 under "17-(1)—Central Jail—Bedding and clothing"

Demand put and carried

(11) Rs. 1,311 under "17-(1)—Central Jail—Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 1,311 under "17-(1) Central Jail—Miscellaneous"

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know Sir, what exactly is that expenditure meant for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: In view of the abnormal increase in the jail population the provisions of Rs. 1,600 and Rs. 4,389 under "Bedding and Clothing and Miscellaneous" respectively are also not sufficient for the current year. Hence the following additional allotments are also necessary.—

(1) Rs. 1,000 .. "Bedding and clothing"
(2) Rs. 1,311 .. "Miscellaneous"

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: What exactly is meant by "Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It covers so many items such as lighting charges, water charges and so on.

Demand put and carried

(12) Rs. 1,500 under "17-(2)—Sub Jails—Diet of Prisoners"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for Rs. 1,500 under "17-(2)—Sub-Jails—Diet of Prisoners"

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: I oppose the demand.

The Secretary to Government has not given us any idea as to why this amount is required.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not think any long speech is necessary to make out the necessity for the demand. Everything has been explained already in the notes for the standing Finance Committee copies of which have been made available to hon'ble members. If necessary, I shall read the notes again.—On account of abnormal increase

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in the number of inmates in all the Sub-Jails and also due to the increased cost of dietary articles, the provision made under "17-2—Sub-Jails—Diet of prisoners" in the current year's budget, *viz.*, Rs. 3,300 is quite inadequate to meet the actual requirements of the year. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 is therefore necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What was the reason for this abnormal increase in the number of inmates in the sub-jails? The original allotment was about Rs. 3,000. Now you are asking for additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 *i. e.*, nearly half of what was estimated for the year.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There has been an increase in the number of inmates in the Jail, and also on account of the rise in the prices of food-stuffs this amount has become necessary.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Which is the sub-jail where there has been an increase, and what is the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: This is for all the sub-jails together, not for any particular sub-jail. In all sub-jails there has been an increase in the number of inmates and also there has been an increase in the price of food-stuffs. It is for these two reasons that this amount of Rs. 1,500 has become necessary.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there any increase in the number of sub-jails? I mean with reference to the period 3 months before.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: If the hon'ble member is referring to the recent notification declaring one of the schools here to be a temporary prison, it is not a sub-jail. Excepting that, I do not know whether there has been any increase in the number of sub-jails.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it not a place whether the offenders are stationed now?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Yes, it is a place of detention and so, a sub-jail.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Anyhow, this expenditure is not on account of that. That we can assure the member.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North)*: That is all what we want to know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is it not covered by the statements placed on the Council table today?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: No, this is not covered by that also.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: So, this new sub-jail does not come under that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: This is only for the Central Jail.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The statements placed were with reference to "Central Jail—Diet of prisoners" and "Cranganur—Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous". One is under "Education" and the other is "Central Jail—Diet of Prisoners" and "Cranganur—Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous." There is no reference in those statements about any sub-jail.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: How is that expenditure met then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is not included in this. If we want additional allotment on account of that, we will come here again.

Demand put and carried

(13) Rs. 50 under "9—Anchal—A-1—Dearness Allowance (Cranganur)"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I move for Rs. 50 under "9—Anchal—A-1—Dearness Allowance (Cranganur)"

Demand put and carried

(14) Rs. 676 under "37—Income-tax—Pay—Establishments—Temporary Establishment"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I move for Rs. 676 under "37—Income-tax—Pay—Establishments—Temporary Establishment"

*Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Sir, We want to oppose that, because this income-tax demand for temporary establishment is unnecessary. This has been a very vexacious department in the State and the working of it has been still more vexacious—so vexacious that merchants in Mattancheri who have to pay this excess profits under an Act which has been passed without discussion in this House and made prevalent in this country have brought an impasse in the

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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